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IN RELATION TO

The disputed boundary line between the State of Florida and the State of Georgia.

FEBRUARY 12, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Milledgeville, January 26, 1846.

SIR: In the further prosecution of the wish, as recently expressed by the authorities of Florida, and readily concurred in by those of Georgia, of having definitely established the boundary between them, I have now to say to your excellency, that James Hamilton Couper and Joel Crawford, esquires, have been appointed commissioners on the part of Georgia to join such as may be designated on the part of Florida.

I have availed myself of the first moment since the acceptance of these gentlemen has been notified to this department, to inform your excellency of our proceedings on this subject, and beg leave, with great respect, to suggest that the business of the commission may be commenced at the shortest period compatible with the convenience of the commissioners. I have taken the liberty of saying to the gentlemen representing Georgia, that I shall indicate a wish to your excellency that the work may be commenced early in April next, and to request that they will then be ready for the service.

In the meantime, I shall be happy to hear from your excellency any suggestions which may expedite and conclude this controversy of territorial limits, hitherto peaceful, between the States of Georgia and Florida, and in which I am assured that both desire an adjustment only in accordance with their respective rights.

The inquiries made suggestively of your excellency, especially in reference to the period of commencing operations by the commissioners, will induce me to expect the reply of your excellency at your earliest convenience; and in the meantime, to say that I remain, with great respect, your excellency's very obedient, humble servant,

G. W. CRAWFORD.

His Excellency W. D. MOSELEY,
Tallahassee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Tallahassee, February 2, 1846.

SIR: Your communication of the 26th ultimo was received this day. In reply, I have the honor to state that the commissioners on the part of Ritchie & Heiss, print.

this State, John Branch and W. P. Duval, esqrs., propose to meet the commissioners on the part of the State of Georgia, at the town of St. Mary's, on the second day of April next, as the most suitable place for the commencement of their labors. Should it be more agreeable, however, to the commissioners of the State of Georgia to select some other day and place, such selection will be acquiesced in with pleasure on the part of the commissioners of this State, being duly notified of the same.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

His Excellency G. W. CRAWFORD,

Milledgeville.